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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in New York and Chicago were unchanged. In the Southeast region, prices were unchanged to slightly higher on all weights when compared to previous week. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. The market tone was cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to very good. Supplies were fully adequate to in close balance for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were more than adequate for reduced slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest prices were lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was good to very good over the weekend and into the early part of the week. Food service demand was generally moderate to mostly fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate with demand light to moderate as most breakers find liquid movement rather quiet. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-68	62-64
LARGE	59-67	61-65
MEDIUM	53-59	56-59

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	44-48
MEDIUM	36-40
SMALL	12-16

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were trending lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to last week's values. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good due in part to vendors restocking shelves and post holiday promotions. Supplies were generally adequate for requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for fowl were reported as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	71-74
LARGE	64-79	69-71
MEDIUM	58-70	60-62

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was good to very good over the holiday weekend and into the early part of the week. Food service movement was about moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged fully adequate to at times close.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-81
LARGE	71-77
MEDIUM	57-66

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were sufficient to in close balance for current trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for generally adequate offerings. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-79	73-76
LARGE	70-77	71-74
MEDIUM	55-64	57-61

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies of larger sizes adequate, lighter weights more closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-73
LARGE	65-71
MEDIUM	57-63

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady, however caution was noted. Retail demand was moderate to occasionally good with some post holiday feature activity noted. Supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	67-71

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**WESTERN** Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 2-3 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 36% lower than last week with California down 43% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 20%. Retailer demand much slower. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 43% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand much slower. Easter floor stocks cleared well in most quarters with current offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 71. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free .

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	108
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	91

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	219-229	LARGE	215-259
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM	189-215

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 25, 2003 will decrease by 32 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 18, 2003 were 384,994 cases which was 49 percent above the prior week and 32 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	337,953	47,041	384,994

% change from the prior week.....	+54	+20	+49

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate with demand light to moderate as most breakers find liquid movement rather quiet. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to instances barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-30
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was clearing light to fair offerings. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 21-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.13
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced for the current week. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 21-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11 CENTS/LB.	7.75-9	8.45
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

#### MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT (In Units of 1,000)

	28-Feb 2002	28-Feb 2003	31-Mar 2002	31-Mar 2003
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	2,204	2,571	1,561	2,519
Yolks	1,036	1,169	906	1,405
Whole & Mixed	7,282	9,463	6,260	9,969
Unclassified	2,281	3,924	2,943	3,256
Total Frozen Eggs	12,803	17,127	11,670	17,149

#### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 21, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	18.8	8.8	13.2	12.4	62.1
	Change	-2.5	-4.8	-1.3	-2.0	-3.0	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.8	33.4	11.1	14.7	21.8	97.8
	Change	-4.7	-5.5	0.0	-7.5	-16.2	-26%
Large	Curr Wk	31.7	60.8	50.4	56.0	53.0	251.9
	Change	-18.5	-47.2	-27.0	-31.9	-41.4	-40%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.9	30.3	13.7	15.4	16.7	86.0
	Change	-1.9	0.5	-1.2	-1.4	-8.2	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	1.8	4.6	1.8	5.2	8.0	21.4
	Change	-1.0	-0.9	-0.2	1.1	1.8	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.4	16.6	7.5	14.3	5.6	50.4
	Change	3.3	-4.4	-1.4	-1.6	-1.0	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.2	38.3	17.9	14.8	22.7	106.9
	Change	-7.1	0.2	-1.3	-7.4	-11.1	-20%
Total	Curr Wk	88.7	202.8	111.2	133.6	140.2	676.5
Percent	Change	-27%	-23%	-23%	-28%	-36%	-28%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	676.5	-28%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	219.2	7%	37
Total Shell Egg	895.7	-21%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 07, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 07, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 18, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 20.75								FUTURE LOADS 6.00		TOTAL LOADS 26.75					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	48.00	—	50.50	51.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	69.50	71.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	55.33	—	—	—	—	60.95	5.25
GL W XL	61.00	62.00	62.00	64.00	50.63	—	5.00	GL W LG	55.00	57.00	—	—	—	58.73	8.50
GL W LG	61.00	62.00	—	—	49.20	—	10.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	58.00	.25
GL W MD	—	—	52.00	54.00	48.50	—	1.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.50	37.00	4.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/14/03-04/18/03

CURRENT LOADS 130.25								FUTURE LOADS 44.00		TOTAL LOADS 174.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	47.50	54.94	49.58	51.00	51.63	52.00	42.00	GNR W XL	—	52.67	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	43.00	—	—	38.00	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	54.25	—	—	—	57.56	9.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	59.00	—	—	63.00	3.00	GNR W 3	40.00	41.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	62.00	66.67	69.50	71.00	—	—	2.50	GNR BR 1	83.00	87.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W XL	61.00	64.00	63.00	64.96	53.74	—	38.75	GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.50	63.00	.75
GL W LG	61.00	67.41	61.83	63.33	55.00	59.00	43.75	GL W XL	57.00	—	—	—	—	65.14	23.00
GL W MD	—	53.57	53.67	55.43	41.50	—	15.00	GL W LG	60.40	60.33	—	—	—	65.05	32.50
GL W SM	30.75	32.38	31.50	33.00	—	—	3.00	GL W MD	50.00	54.50	—	—	46.50	52.95	8.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	41.00	43.00	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	81.00	—	—	—	—	88.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.74	39.68	55.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	29.50	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/14/03	04/07/03	04/08/02
PACIFIC COAST	124	185	105
LOS ANGELES	85	148	65

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on large and medium sizes and steady on the balance. Supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	89.27
LARGE	89.27
MEDIUM	76.27
SMALL	54.27

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 04/06/03-04/12/03  
30-dozen case 10,094

Receipts from the mainland: 03/30/03-04/05/03  
30-dozen case 6,241

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## Egg Quality Control

## OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/15/03

Report Period: 03/30/03 - 04/05/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arkansas	0	0	1,750	1,750
Colorado	0	1,298	4,209	5,507
Iowa	3,024	4,620	50,471	58,115
Michigan	0	0	780	780
Minnesota	1,560	0	15,379	16,939
Missouri	0	0	6,218	6,218
New Hampshire	780	0	1,775	2,555
Ohio	0	0	4,772	4,772
Oregon	2,650	0	0	2,650
Texas	0	0	800	800
Utah	1,926	5,030	4,050	11,006
Washington	0	288	588	876
Wisconsin	0	0	1,520	1,520
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,940</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>92,312</b>	<b>113,488</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>9,940</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>92,312</b>	<b>113,488</b>